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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ACTION REQUEST: NEW ZEALAND - REQUEST  
FOR DEMARCHE ON MINISTERIAL DELEGATIONS TO WASHINGTON  
INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE (WIREC 2008)

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In response to reftel action request, Poloff contacted Eric Pyle, Director of Environmental and Social Development within the New Zealand Ministry Of Research, Development and Technology (MORST). According to Pyle, the GNZ has not yet determined whether it will be sending a ministerial delegation to WIREC 2008. The reason is that Prime Minister Helen Clark is in the process of implementing a cabinet reshuffle following the resignation of MORST Minister Steve Maharey, among other reasons. Consequently, the GNZ cannot at this time select which ministers, if any, will attend WIREC 2008. However, Pyle assured me that as soon as that decision is made, he will advise Post. Post will keep OES advised as well.  
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